(b) what is the impact on the house building activity particularly on the low income group and middle income group of the increase in the rate of lands to be sold to the Cooperative Group Housing Societies, by DDA; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to contain the rising prices of land in Delhi and other inputs to give an impetus to the Cooperative Housing Societies?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Rs. 100/- per sq. mtr.

(b) and (c). DDA charges predetermined rate for allotment of land to Cooperative Group Housing Societies which is fixed from time to time on 'no profit no loss' basis. There is no evidence to indicate that this rate is so high as to inhibit Cooperative Group Housing Societies from seeking allotment of land from DDA.

Pantry Cars attached to Mail|Superfast Express Trains

1267. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pantry cars attached to Mail|Superfast|Express trains zone-wise as on date;

(b) the total number of staff working in these cars; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to attach pantry cars to some more Mail|Superfast| Express trains, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) The number of pantry cars attached to Mail|Express|Superfast trains are as under :

Railway	No. of Pantry Cars
Central	6
Eastern	14
Northern	23
North Eastern . .	11
Northeast Frontier . .	24
Southern	32
South Central . . .	5
South Eastern . . .	31
Western	27

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Yes, Sir. During this year.

Wholesale, consumer, working class price index

1268. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any downward trend in wholesale, consumer, working-class price index since December, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the causes for such trend?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) There has been a downward trend in the All-India Consumer Price Index for industrial workers on base 1982-100 since December, 1989. However, there has not been any downward trend in the wholesale price index since December, 1989.

(b) From a level of 176 in November, 1989 the All-India Consumer Price Index